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# MH considers renovating old fire hall

by CHAD INGRAM

Editor

Minden Hills council will explore the viability of renovating the township's former fire hall into a new space for local Scouts and Guides, as well as other community groups and functions.

As previously reported, in May, the leaders of local Guides and Scouts groups were dismayed when they discovered through an article in the *Times* that what has been the Scouts hall at the Minden Hills Community Centre will be turned into a dressing area and offices for a new Junior A team. The Haliburton County Huskies are set to take up residency in the new Minden arena this fall, and will pay the cost of renovating the former hall into a dressing area and offices for the team. The hall space was created through a donation from the Minden Rotary Club, used by the Guides and Scouts organizations for decades.

Reps from local Guides and Scouts groups have been meeting with Minden Hills staff in order to find a solution, with community services director Craig Belfry giving councillors an update during a June 10 online meeting.

"The municipality has different facilities that aren't fully used," Belfry said, suggest-

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#### **Traffic jam**

A long line of vehicles snakes its way down Bobcaygeon Road on the morning of June 15, as work on the Sunnybrook bridge in Minden's downtown has the bridge reduced to one lane. The Township of Minden Hills expects the project to be complete June 25. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

## Driver charged with drug, firearms offences

A 27-year-old Gravenhurst man is facing more than half a dozen charges after he crashed his car along County Road 1 in Minden Hills on June 9.

According to a release from the OPP, officers were called to the scene of a singlevehicle collision. As a result of an investigation, the man has been charged with impaired driving; two counts of possessing a firearm or ammunition contrary to probation; possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose; two counts of drug trafficking; possession of property obtained by crime; and two counts of failing to comply with a probation order.

He is scheduled to appear in court in Lindsay July 7.

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## Sayne 'embarrassed' discussion didn't happen earlier

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ing the common room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, or Nature's Place, also located on the cultural centre property, could be used for programming.

Representatives from the Guides and Scouts have said that part of the benefit of the hall was having a dedicated space where the groups could store all of their programming materials without having to lug it around each week, and also not having to clean the space to pristine condition after use. Other municipal spaces do not provide adequate space for storage.

"We're very limited on what we can do," Belfry said, adding that mobile storage racks could be purchased and housed within the arena and community centre.

For the time being, the groups' programming materials are being stored within a viewing area at the new arena. Once the hockey season gets underway in September, those materials will have to be moved.

Belfry said he'd also been to look at the township's former fire hall at the intersection of Prince and St. Germaine streets. The building has sat vacant, used for storage, since the township opened its new fire hall along Highway 35 in 2018. The former fire hall was also damaged by flooding in 2013.

"The building is not in any great state right now," Belfry said, adding there would be a large cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars in order to make it usable for public programming. "It's not a great solution."

He said the building could likely be used for storage of seasonal supplies, such as camping gear. Belfry also added that the Junior A team has offered financial assistance to the groups in order to help find a solution.

Belfry added that previously the organizations had not paid to use their space, and that they could apply for fees to be waived under the township's policy, or suggested that a special rate for community groups, something that does not currently exist, be created.

"We have stakeholders, and then we have what I'll call legacy stakeholders," said Mayor Brent Devolin, adding that special circumstances should be made for longstanding community groups. "To me that's a global conversation this council has never had."

Belfry also suggested there are other, non-municipal facilities, such as the Lions Hall or churches, that could be used by the Guides and Scouts.

Councillor Pam Sayne said she was embarrassed by the situation, and wanted to see the former fire hall renovated for

community use.

"I feel very strongly about this situation, and I'm also embarrassed on our behalf for not having this situation earlier," Sayne said. "I'm afraid that I relied too much on others who have been around longer than me to ask that question – why is it called the Scouts hall? Why are we giving it away? I feel very strongly about this. Between six to 10 per cent of our youth in Minden Hills are involved in Scouts. We keep complaining about youth, and hanging out, and youth are saying, we don't have anything to do. This is something that is a very exciting program for youth. It's an international program, it's been around a very, very long time, and we need to support this in every way that we support hockey ... Just because they are not as flashy, they are behind the building, people don't know about them ... I am concerned that we could be doing a lot of work with them, instead of bullying them out of the space that they've had."

Sayne said from what she understood, the Rotary Club had contributed up to \$300,000 to the building.

"If we don't have a legal right, we certainly have a moral right to support this group, and that we have to address, as a council, and as a municipality," she continued. "We talk about what they can do, and they don't need to have their supplies in one place. We shouldn't be directing this group, they should be telling us what they want, and to replace what they need. They can't be having their supplies in one place, and their activities in another. It doesn't make sense. None of us would do that, so why are we asking them to do this?"

Sayne said the former fire hall made sense as a solution for many reasons.

"One of the reasons is that it's central, and people can see it," she said. "A second reason is that they wouldn't need all the space, and there are a lot of other community groups and people around town that are saying they'd love to use some

Sayne suggested part of the building could be used as a public area to get out of the sun or rain.

"We have young parents who are saying, you know, we're around town with our young kids, we don't have anywhere to gather and get of the sun," she said. "You open up the two garage door bays, and you have a place for gathering for the community. You have a place for people to play checkers downtown. We don't have that kind of protected space, that we could really gather and have a real, central focal point."

Sayne suggested that the township might see some donat-

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## Dealing with issues at Murdoch Road

by CHAD INGRAM

Editor

Minden Hills councillors intend for the municipality to crack down on prohibited uses of a public access to Gull Lake at the end of Murdoch Road.

Issues at the site, including people cutting down trees, urinating on public property and having arguments with abutting landowners, have been ongoing during the past few years

"Some or all of you, I'm sure, have received dozens of pieces of correspondence, communications from private adjacent landowners and the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association with respect to Murdoch Road leading to Gull Lake," Mayor Brent Devolin said to councillors during a June 10 online meeting. "There had been that what on in the wintertime that now seem to be going on all year long. And Murdoch Road isn't just something in isolation."

"Increasingly as we see growth and urbanization, there's more and more people coming here that may not be sensitive to kind of historic norms, and I would say, courtesies, that historically we've had," Devolin said. "We have persons coming onto public properties that are interfering with public rights to exercise and enjoy the property. And I think this is the thin edge of the wedge on a whole bunch of fronts. It's not exclusive to Minden Hills. Certainly, I say when I talk to the heads of council in the rest of Haliburton County, it's rearing its head all over here, and elsewhere."

Devolin said it was an issue the township would need to

"We want people coming and doing things here and using public assets," he continued,"but, the other side of that, is the incivility and the activities that go on. I mean, you know, cutting trees and using machinery to build a road on public property, individuals urinating and defecating on public lands in full public view, like, this has gone beyond the pale."

Councillor Bob Carter said he knew of other situations with roads leading to water where real estate agents are suggesting to buyers those access points can be used as beach and boat launch areas.

"There's one case, and it's a treed bush that happens to be the road allowance," Carter said. "So nobody's getting a boat down there without cutting down some trees, and putting in some sort of a path or trail or whatever. And people are going to start building docks. So, I agree with you that we have to come up with something that will apply to Murdoch Road and others. This is a situation that is going to grow quickly over the next short while, like perhaps even this summer."

Councillor Pam Sayne thanked Devolin for bringing the issue forward

"Like Councillor Carter, this is not my only situation like this that I'm getting calls about," Sayne said. "Sometimes, there are problems with people who are new to the area and just travelling through, and sometimes there are problems with behaviours that are not acceptable that are from long-term residents. So, it really isn't saying one way or the other that it belongs to people from away or from here."

Sayne said she'd like to see an increased co-ordinated effort between the township's bylaw department and the OPP.

"If there are any trees taken down, and damage to property, I think those people should be in fact fined appropriately to make sure this doesn't continue to happen," she said.

"We need to deal with this, because this is an animal that's growing, and I think is going to grow exponentially," Devolin said. "If we wait too long, this will get away from us [in a way] that we'll never be able to reel it back in, and I would argue we're on the precipice of that happening [on Murdoch Road], and I can think of another one on Kashagawigamog."

A staff report will come back to council in July.

COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by County													
County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (To to date)						
Haliburton	0	0	121	120	3	1	0						
Kawartha Lakes	13	0	1,072	1,015	44	44	13						
Northumberland	4	0	933	912	31	17	0						
Total	17	0	2,126	2,047	78	62	13						

#### No new or active COVID-19 cases in Haliburton County

A June 15 update from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit shows Haliburton County has no new confirmed cases of COVID-19, nor currently active cases. That day just one new case was reported in the region, in Northumberland County. /Screenshot from HKPDHU



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#### (VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice.

Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

June 24 – Regular Council Meeting July 29 – Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in July, August and December.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

#### **ALTERNATE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT**

A household hazardous waste event will be hosted at the Scotch Line Landfill on Saturday, June 26th from 8am – 11:30am. Materials must be in labelled, non-leaking containers and must be from a household. Please bring your landfill ID card and remain in your vehicle at all times. Staff will unload your materials for you.

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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### The Law

By law, you **cannot** have an outdoor fire in a Restricted Fire Zone, except in accordance with a permit or unless specific conditions have been met under the Forest Fires Prevention Act and Outdoor Fires Regulation 207/96. This includes all burning, including grass, debris and campfires, even when using an outdoor fire grate, fire place or fire pit. Please call the Minden Hills Fire information line at 249-802-3535 or visit www.mindenhillsfire.ca for more information.

#### Reasons for a fire restriction

There are two reasons why a Restricted Fire Zone is in effect.

- 1. When outdoor conditions are extremely dry.
- 2. The number of fires occurring has stretched firefighting resources to capacity.
- A Restricted Fire Zone is a temporary measure for extreme situations. As soon as outdoor conditions permit, the restrictions are lifted.

#### What you cannot use

Except in organized campgrounds and provincial parks, you cannot:

- have campfires (even in outdoor fire grate, fire place or fire pit)
- burn grass or woody debris
- use burn barrels

#### What you can use

#### Gas or fuel stove

If you need heat for cooking or warmth in a Restricted Fire Zone, you can **only** use:
• a portable liquid fuel or gas stove (for example, barbeque), that can be turned off

- easily by closing a shut-off valve or lid
- the stove must be at least one metre away from any flammable material

#### Safety tips

To **exercise extreme caution** when travelling in a Restricted Fire Zone:

- be careful with anything that could start a fire
- watch your propane or gas equipment carefully
- smoke only when you're stationary, never while walking or working in the bush
- make sure all matches or cigarettes are out before disposing of them

Call 911 if you see a fire or a hazard



## Preparing for the replacement of Sedgwick Road bridge

by CHAD INGRAM

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a June 10 online meeting of Minden Hills council.

The township is preparing for the replacement of the Sedgwick Road bridge, which is scheduled to commence in early August and be completed by late November.

The bridge is scheduled to be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic starting Aug. 16, and Haliburton County council has approved the use of the Haliburton County Rail Trail as a detour for local residents. Bird netting was installed on the bridge this spring to prevent barn swallows from nesting on the structure. The cost of the project is approximately \$1.05 million, with funding coming from the federal and provincial governments, as well as the township.

## Meetings will continue to be live-streamed

Councillors passed a bylaw that will permit council meetings to continue to be publicly live-streamed once council again begins meeting in person, whenever that might take place

Throughout most of the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings have been held electronically, with councillors participating remotely from home via online conferencing platform Zoom, with proceedings broadcast to the public on YouTube. Electronic participa-



The Sedgwick Road bridge will be replaced beginning in early August, with the project expected to be completed by the end of November. Area residents will use the Haliburton County Rail Trail as a detour during construction. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

tion in council meetings, prohibited by the Municipal Act, has been permitted in Ontario during the pandemic as a result of special

emergency legislation passed by the provincial governments.

Councillor Bob Carter said he'd like to see

terms of reference that clearly prohibit commercial or malicious use of the videos.

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## 'Gordie' leaves daycare after decades of love

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

Gord Hoenow has heard it all.

As a longtime early childhood educator, Hoenow has been privy to entertaining disclosures from toddlers and young children in his care for decades.

"Mommy said if I stop eating my boogies she'll buy me a

"Mommy's friend stayed over last night!" (Mommy is single)

"Daddy had to sleep on the sofa last night."

And amid the hilarity of a child's chatter, he has also experienced moments of quiet peacefulness as nap time at daycare comes to an end.

"Moments when a child or two wakens and you can just sit quietly with them and snuggle and talk," said Hoenow. "It is a wonderful one-to-one time."

These are some of the favourite memories Hoenow will take with him as he retires from working in education this month.

Hoenow began his work career as a portrait photographer, travelling throughout the province with his portable studio to retail spots including Stedmans, K-Mart and Woolworth stores for a week at a time.

"Most portraits were of children," he told the Times. "As the years went on, I began to lose interest in the photography but had a knack for making children smile."

In 1985, Hoenow said he began to look into that "daycare thing."

Since then, he has worked in numerous daycare centres but looks back at his time spent at the centres operated by George Brown College in Toronto as being particularly meaningful.

"They were on the cutting edge of early childhood education in terms of philosophy," he said. "I truly felt like I was working with all-stars. Professors, fellow ECEs, they had such high standards and they brought my teaching skills to

After moving to Haliburton County, he began working at the Ontario Early Years Children's Learning Centre in

"As supervisor, I had wonderful staff that embraced philosophies I had been taught, and the centre flourished, providing a loving and nurturing environment to children and families in our community," he said.

He has been respected and loved in the community for many years by the kids he has cared for and the parents he has encouraged and supported.

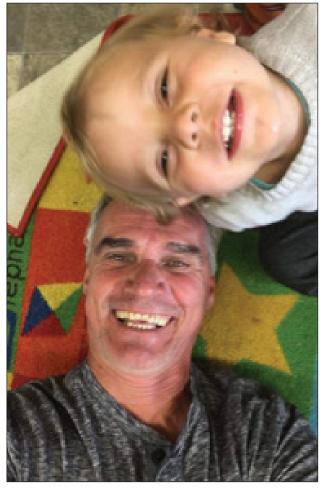
Over that time, Hoenow said he has seen relatively few changes in the behaviours and attitudes of children and parents, but has observed throughout the years what works best for children.

"Children need to play. They need love. Want to know who the best teachers are? See who the child runs to when hurt or sad. See who has the most children around them. I have worked in and visited at least a hundred daycares in my career. The pretty room set-up or teacher-directed activity holds little value to the child or their family. The teacher that listens to and accepts every single child for their individuality is the one that will help the child develop. Not documentation placed for administrators or the ministry. It's making the connection with the child. Each and every child. They may not be able to express it, but children know if you are genuine."

Hoenow's experience working in childcare has been treasured by him as well as the families he has cared for, and the importance of his work became especially clear during the

"I have absolutely loved being given the opportunity by families to care for their children," said Hoenow. "One of my first supervisors commented that, 'we don't take care of children, we support families.' That had become clearly evident when daycares closed for six months early in the pandemic and families scrambled for child care. Of course, I absolute-

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Gord Hoenow is retiring from daycare and early childhood education after 35 years caring for children - almost 20 of those years here in Haliburton County centres./Submitted











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## On a patio

**CHAD INGRAM** 

Editor

T CAME WITH a sense of déjà vu, the surreal feeling of a dream, fragments of familiarity.

I'm talking about sitting on a restaurant patio, something I did during the weekend, and I'm sure a number of you reading this did as well.

Felt good, didn't it?

After more than two months of being closed for all but take-out and delivery, Ontario

eateries were able to open their patios for outdoor dining last Friday, something that business owners and patrons were obviously very hungry for.

The patio I patronized was not in the county, but all the way in Pohenygo

the way in Bobcaygeon. That's right, I sat on a restaurant patio and travelled to a neighbouring municipality. That's a barnburner of a weekend in 2021.

We got to wait in line for a table, something I was frankly thrilled to do. We got to look at menus, and experience the novelty and luxury of having food brought to us by other human beings. We didn't have to cook, or clean up, or anything.

With more and more Ontarians receiving second vaccinations and gathering limits increasing amid rolled back COVID-19 regulations, reunions are taking place throughout the province. Friends and family members who in some cases have not

seen each other for 16 months or more are once again getting together. Re-establishing those connections that have been so desperately missed is of course vital to everyone's mental and emotional health.

But there is also much to be said for the random, mundane and casual encounters of the every day that we have largely been deprived of during the pandemic. Banter with a waiter.

A middle-aged woman approaching our table to comment on how well -behaved our youngest daughter is (I'm not just saying that), and then telling us about her own five grandchildren (who are apparently less good at sitting still).

The clinking of glasses.
The hum of other people's conversations. A soccer game on the televisions. The wafting smell of someone's cigar. Motorcycles ripping outrageously loud down the main drag. The cacophony of life all around.

If there are silver linings to come out of the nightmare of the past 16 months, then one of them, at least for me, is an enhanced ability to practise gratitude. Gratitude for the little things, gratitude for the once completely normal things. Calamari and a beer under an umbrella of a restaurant patio.

How amazing is that?



A peaceful view

/KAREN LONDON Staff

## Small derbies

S SUMMER approaches so too do the hundreds of professional and amateur fishing tournaments throughout the province. Tournaments are a lot of fun and they are the reason why fishing technology and decals have advanced so far. The only issue I have with them is that you need to catch big fish to win.

Don't get me wrong. Big fish tournaments are really exciting to watch, and they show you the possibilities of the fishery they are held on like nothing else could. But they are also undemocratic.

To truly be competitive in one you need

to own an expensive bass or walleye boat and the right vehicle to tow it with, as well as an excellent trolling motor and big outboard, plus more electronics than the average F-18 fighter. Add to that a stack of specialty rods and enough tackle to outfit a small commercial fishing flotilla.

Oh, and a whole lot of skill and experience too. Plus, a heroically understanding spouse.

That leaves a many folks out of the loop, however.

That's why I think it is high time we began to entertain the idea of small fish derbies. Yes, I'm envisioning a competition where

the smallest fish wins.

I know what you are thinking. But I am not trying to promote the idea just because I am, for all intents and purposes, unbeatable when it comes to catching the smallest fish on any

given day. Just so you know, there are at least

run for my money.

No, I'm doing this because I think a small fish derby would benefit a lot of people – in self-esteem at least.

two of my angling buddies give me a good

Basically, anybody could be competitive – except for first time anglers or folks who are

totally uninterested in the sport. They never catch small fish.

More than that, it would be good for the tackle industry since they would have to start producing really tiny lures, which is an untapped market.

There would be other benefits too. Small fish anglers would have to carry less weight to the dock, since minnow nets would be used and the tackle could fit in a pill box. Boats would have more room since a tumbler with an Alka-Seltzer inside could serve as a livewell

And, like weigh-in stations at big fish

events when it is my turn to show what I caught, there would be a lot of laughter at a small fish tournament. Especially when the judges come out carrying cute little scales and wearing jeweler's loops. I imagine, it would be good for the binocular industry too, as pretty well everyone from the third row on at the weigh-in station would need them.

The real draw is that, upon seeing a Ziploc bag full of trophy

tiny sunfish, rock bass or perch, almost every angler could envision themselves up there on the small stage with all those pros.

Also, hernias would be unheard of in the sport.

This would require a new angling mindset. We'd need to foster an appreciation of how difficult it is to target a fish you can hardly see or feel on the line. But in the end, I can imagine myself holding a tiny fish at arms length towards a camera with a macro-lens and a magazine cover that says, "Galea: King of the Dinks."

I mentioned this to a fishing pro I know and I think he was impressed by my determination and commitment to the concept.

He said he has never met anyone as small-minded as me.



**STEVE GALEA** *Beyond 35* 

#### **INOTHER**WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

## The blackfly Catch-22

NE POSITIVE aspect of climate change is the theory that it warms our northern reaches making them less hospitable to blackflies, the spring curse of anyone who spends time in or near the woods.

That is something to cheer, and there has been plenty of cheering this spring in parts of Ontario where the hated blackfly has been little seen, or in some cases, totally absent.

It's true that parts of Ontario normally tormented by blackflies have been spared this year. But climate change is not the reason.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

The blackfly season is roughly three to four weeks, starting in early to mid-May and its intensity is dictated by the spring runoff. This past winter saw a lighter than usual snowpack combined with an earlier spring runoff. Less snow melting earlier was not good for blackfly populations.

Blackflies must have plenty of clear, cold running water in the spring to develop their eggs. When the spring runoff is light and ends earlier than normal, blackfly populations have reduced chances of developing.

That's the opposite story for our other most despised insect – the mosquito. Mosquitoes love pud-

dles or any other places that collect stagnant water. They will even hatch their eggs in a bottle cap filled with old rain water.

There are more than 2,000 species of blackfly, 161 existing in Canada with 42 species identified in the Algonquin Park area. Only a few species in our part of the world actually bite to get a blood meal for their eggs. But their bites are nasty – actual puncture wounds that can cause swelling, headaches, nausea, fever and even swollen lymph nodes.

Fewer blackflies might be reason for many of us to celebrate, but fewer blackflies actually are not good news. Scientists say that a healthy blackfly presence is a sign of a healthy environment.

Clouds of the pests tell us that clear and cold running water is nearby; water filtered by a healthy forested watershed.

Blackflies are making a comeback in parts of North America and their populations are increasing. That's because of the environmental movement's pressure for cleanup of polluted areas and creating clean, running water.

Raw sewage, effluents from paper mills, and runoff of various other industrial waste and agricultural chemicals have been stopped or at least controlled because of pressure from environmentalists.

One example is the cleanup of the English-Wabigoon River system in Northwestern Ontario. That system was basically a sewer with mercury poisoning affecting wildlife and poisoning Indigenous communities.

Tens of millions of dollars have been spent cleaning up the river system, although some mercury and other contaminants still exist in the water and will take many more years to eliminate.

There are numerous other stories of water systems being cleaned up and studies have shown blackfly populations are recovering there.

However, some people and some governments still don't get it. Pesticides mixed with diesel fuel and kerosene are still being dumped into streams to kill the larvae of blackflies and other insects.

Recovering blackfly populations mean more irritation to we humans. But other animals, and birds, also are affected. Blackflies have been known to kill animals such as deer because hundreds of bites can cause severe blood loss.

They also are known to drive loons from their nests. If you see a nesting loon constantly shaking its head, it likely is trying to shake off a cloud of

Birds get their revenge by eating millions of blackflies, and mosquitoes, proiding some control of populations. Bats and dragonflies also eat the

Some areas have noticed an absence of dragonflies this year and that's not a good thing. Those heli-like critters not only knock down blackfly populations, they provide food for birds and fish.

Dragonflies, like blackflies, require clean water and stable oxygen levels, and are considered reliable indicators of healthy natural ecosystems.

So, the blackfly, like so many things in life, is a genuine Catch-22. Cleaning up environmental pollution increases blackfly populations, which increase human irritations. More pollution decreases their numbers.

All things considered, a little irritation a few weeks a year, is easier to accept than a polluted world.

## Morning pages

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Practical Fitness

RITING MORNING pages is a method of journaling. It was created by Julia Cameron. It's part of the 12-week process that is outlined in her book The Artist's Way. Initially the book was meant to help artists/writers unblock whatever it was that was keeping them from being creative. It has since helped millions of people get through trying times in their lives.

There are two key activities recommended that play a huge role in the process. They are the Morning Pages and the Artist's Date. Simply put, writing the Morning Pages helps to get rid of bad thoughts and the Artist's Date is meant to replace the negative with positive energy. It's recommended that these two activities are completed during the entire 12-week course (or longer if you wish). Here are the guidelines for

Morning Pages: 3 pages of longhand writing (this means using a pen/pencil/crayon and paper) every morning. This is meant to be a safe place to put down anything and everything that you're feeling so they must be kept private.

Artist's Date: This is a once-a-week session of fun that is devoted to your creative self. It should be done solo. It is anything and everything that would feel like play to you. The idea is to feed your imagination.

I've worked through the Artist's Way a couple of times now. I will admit I've only taken myself on a couple of Artist's Dates but I have been writing the Morning Pages for 2,025 days without missing a single day. That is three pages every morning. I don't know how many notebooks I've gone through because I destroy them as soon as the last page is written on.

I have found writing every morning in this way has been magical for me. There's something about putting the pen to the paper and filling every page before we have a conversation with another human being. It's raw and it's vulnerable. It took time but I started having real conversations with myself. I'd find myself writing something like: Nah I don't want to think about THAT right now. Then the next line would be: NOW is exactly when I need to write about

it. Over the 5.5 years I have become my own best friend.

Now more than ever (I find myself saying that a lot these days) we need to be real with ourselves. This pandemic has forced us to edges that we haven't had to go to before. There is anger and frustration brewing. What do we do with that? We find a method of looking directly at all the negativity and we figure out how

to cope. I started writing my pages (that's what I call them now) long before the pandemic hit. They have helped through these trying times, and so many before.

It's not all bad that I write about. I have found my way to gratitude thanks to these pages. More than anything, it's a healthy behaviour I don't intend to give up. As long as there is paper to write on I will be writing on it!

If this is something you'd like to try, be sure to stick with the 3 full pages first thing every morning for at least a week. That's where/when the magic happens.

Something to think about.

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#### HCPL's DVD of the Month - June



Brenda Chapman's adult fantasy drama Come Away is a mashup of the original Peter Pan and Alice and Wonderland tales, an origin story that reimagines Alice and Peter as siblings. Alice, her brother Peter and their brilliant older sibling David let their imaginations run wild one summer in the English countryside. Encouraged by their parents, the children have make-believe tea parties, sword fights, and pirate ship adventures. When tragedy strikes, however, everything changes. Peter, eager to prove himself a hero to his financially-struggling parents, journeys with Alice to London, where they try to sell an heirloom to a sinisterly familiar pawnshop owner with disastrous results. Grief-stricken, Alice seeks refuge in a wondrous rabbit hole while Peter escapes by entering a magical realm as leader of the "Lost Boys." Thus, the stage is set for their iconic journeys into Wonderland and Neverland. A heartfelt and moving story of loss, with hopeful handfuls of fairy dust sprinkled throughout.



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# 'We're not just a hockey town'

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ed help from the community if council committed to the idea.

"I'm going to go back to the previous term of council, to before we even built the new fire hall," said Devolin. "Part of the discussion in the previous term of council when we talked about building a new fire hall was that at some point, that building downtown would be repurposed. We had conversations about whether that would go to a committee ... I know it's my intent, that at some point along the way, it wouldn't be just a crummy warehouse where we're sticking stuff, like we currently are. The same as Councillor Sayne, to repurpose that, it would give a longer term solution for a number of groups including these parties. I would have a great appetite for it, and I think in terms of other stakeholders and groups and fundraisers and grant opportunities, that would be a terrific thing to look at it."

Devolin and Sayne both suggested

that part of the space could also be used by the artisans' and farmers' markets, once they return to Minden's downtown.

Other members of council were on board.

"I would agree with pretty much everything Councillor Sayne said as well," said Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, "and I think it's time that we make a decision on this building. Obviously it's not in the 2021 budget, but moving forward, it's definitely something we need to decide. It's sitting there looking very derelict right now, and I know we're using it for our own storage, but it has amazing potential."

"We're not just a hockey town, and it's nice to be able to accommodate the other kids," Schell said.

A staff report on exploring options for the building will come back to council at a later date, and in the meantime, council approved the purchase of mobile storage racks.

## Minden Rotary hopes to rack it up with wine fundraiser

The Minden Rotary Club is hoping to help you stock your wine rack for summer, with its second annual wine fundraiser.

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events@mindenrotary.ca Forms can also be dropped off at Molly's Bistro Bakery on Bobcaygeon Road. Order forms must be completed by July 8.

"If you don't like wine, I'm sure you know someone who does," says member Lynda Litwin. "Buy them a bottle as a gift."

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## Bev Jackson celebrated as she turns the page on Mother Goose

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Bev Jackson is a human library of hundreds of different rhymes and songs for babies, toddlers and young children.

"When I was a little girl my mom used to sing a lullaby to me and I always sang it to my daughter," said Jackson of her most favourite of those songs - one about a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. "It just evokes such strong memories, and even now if I start to sing it, she'll say to me, 'oh, that gives me goosebumps just sort of listening to that.""

For more than 20 years, Jackson has stressed the importance of that connection between children and parents while supporting families throughout Haliburton County and City of Kawartha Lakes as an early literacy educator, parent education facilitator and community outreach co-ordinator – so much so that to many of those families and her colleagues, she is affectionately known as 'Mother Goose.'

"Who doesn't love to be in a room full of babies?," she laughed of her interest in such a role. "Just being able to share with parents the real power that songs and rhymes can give to children, the memories you can make with your child. There's so many ways of dealing with different situations with children when you know rhymes and songs you can share with them. You can be fussy in the doctor's office or grocery store, and do a familiar rhyme or song with your child and completely calm them down. It's just, music is so powerful."

Jackson worked in administration at the Minden OPP office for 16 years, until it was "downsized in those Mike Harris days," she said. At the time, SIRCH was offering a one-year-long program training people to work with children with disabilities. After completing that program, the family resource program then known as CHACE was looking for a parent education facilitator, a role that Jackson happily stepped into.

"I've always loved children, always enjoyed children, so I was very interested in doing that," she said. "I've always gravitated toward kids and enjoyed them."

When funding for the program changed, CHACE amalgamated with the Lindsay Family Resource Program and be-



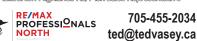


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came Ontario Early Years. Jackson continued to work in parent education but also took on a position as an early literacy specialist for 12 years. Funding changed again a few years back at which point Ontario Early Years became EarlyON. The early literacy position was no longer funded and Jackson became the community outreach co-ordinator.

Over the years she's travelled throughout Haliburton County offering drop-in and play and learn programs to small communities including Kinmount, Cardiff and Dorset. She created early literacy and numeracy resources and programs – including story walks – that are still in use today and can be used for years to come. She was also a trainer for School's Cool facilitators for years. The impact of her work has touched families in every corner of the county and over the years, Jackson has met, worked with and shared songs

with countless parents and kids.

"Parents always want the best for their children," she said. "Parents love their children, and want to do the best for them, and I think that's why they access programs like the EarlyON/Early Years program, they want to do the best for their little one."

Jackson has been able to help instil confidence in parents as they learn and grow with their children.

"I think it's really important for parents to know that they're doing the best job that they can do, and they need to recognize that they are doing their best for their children - that they love them, and they're doing the best for them," she said. "Lots of times parents will be anxious about different subjects, but parents know their children better than anybody else."

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## Sharing music and stories with children 'extremely powerful'

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Jackson said on so many occasions she would tell worried parents that they had to trust themselves and "that voice that you have inside," to help support their children through challenges they might have or in determining what they might need.

"Nine times out of ten they do know," she said. "It's just giving them the confidence and them having the confidence to know - 'I know my own child and I know what they need.' Most parents really do know that."

During the pandemic, Jackson has been able to connect even with kids as far away as California - her nephews who she hasn't seen in the last 18 months.

"The oldest one, he's not three until August but we've been doing Facetime, and I have taught him many hand rhymes and finger plays, we sing songs," she said. "So I'm making memories with him and getting to know him and he's getting to know me just through that realm of being able to share some music and stories. It's extremely powerful. And reading, of course, too."

Jackson was laid off in August as a result of the pandemic, and without knowing what the future might hold in terms of funding, decided the time was right for retirement. Those songs and rhymes and the connection she has made with kids and parents over the past two decades will remain with her,

"It's really nice, I feel good that all those years I was able to share that with different families," she said. "Even having this retirement announcement come up, I've had lots of parents who have come to Mother Goose who have reached out, congratulating me on retiring and also sending pictures of how their kids look now. It's created memories for the parents as well. It's special, it is special, for sure.'

Jackson hopes to spend more time gardening – she hasn't had time in the past – and enjoying the lake as an avid swimmer. She also hopes to have the opportunity to volunteer, potentially in roles that help her connect with families in the community again, but also hopes those families continue to connect and reach out to each other at drop-in programs when they can do so again.

"I loved it, I really did," she said. "I'm going to miss it. I'm definitely going to be missing the families. I already miss the families and children that were there when COVID hit, having to close our doors. Hopefully when things open up again, families will be able to connect so much easier. It's so beneficial for parents."

To send Bev best wishes or share a memory, please e-mail Catherine at admin@oeyc.ca. For more information about the EarlyON Child and Family Centre visit http://www.oeyc.ca.



Bev Jackson, or Haliburton County's own "Mother Goose," is retiring after teaching early literacy and sharing a love for songs and poems with kids and parents in the area for more than 22 years. / Submitted photo





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#### Students learn to be allies aware of justice, equity, diversity, inclusion

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

A group of students sitting in a classroom became part of an activity resulting in a powerful learning opportunity without even leaving their chairs.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students were instructed to not move from where they sat, while a bucket was placed at the front of the room. Though all sitting at different angles, near and far from the bucket, the students were asked to throw a ball of paper toward it – if they got the ball of paper into the bucket, they scored a point.

"Obviously, students at the front of the room have the advantage, because they are closer," said Jenn Mills, HHSS vice-principal who led the activity. "Great discussion around if it's fair. What would make it more fair? How did you feel about where you were sitting for this activity? How does this relate to privilege and oppression? How can we make levels of privilege more equitable?"

The activity was part of an 18-module program called the J.E.D.I. Program, developed by a team of educators, to help both staff and students at HHSS have the chance to learn more and have greater awareness about justice, equity, diversity and inclusion and vocabulary, topics and issues related to those topics that that affect their world today.

"We all have more to learn," said Mills. "I know I gained knowledge myself while researching and going through these modules."

The program's mission statement reads: "Justice. Equity. Diversity. Inclusion. [J.E.D.I] learning modules are about creating positive change in our world by increas-



An exercise showing the concepts of advantage and privilege in which students threw paper into a garbage can from different angles and distances to the target. "Great discussion around if it's fair. What would make it more fair? How did you feel about where you were sitting for this activity? How does this relate to privilege and oppression? How can we make levels of privilege more equitable?," said HHSS vice-principal Jenn Mills. /Screenshot from J.E.D.I. video

ing awareness and acting to reduce factors that impinge on equal opportunities for everyone regardless of gender, race, class, ability, religion, sexual orientation, identity or circumstance. We aim to create and foster a positive school environment in which each person's unique set of ideas, beliefs, and skills are valued.'

"This isn't separate from the curriculum we are teaching," said Mills. "In fact, Ontario's Equity and Inclusion Strategy document, released over a decade ago - states that classrooms need to be inclusive and students should be able to see themselves in what we teach. By taking this J.E.D.I. journey together, we are laying the groundwork for this to happen now and in the future because we will know the correct vocabulary, have broader views on issues and injustices beyond what we see everyday. Without this knowledge it's hard to embed these issues into the curriculum since some students wouldn't have the background information on certain issues/topics to give them a con-

HHSS educators Karen Gervais, Christine Carr and Amy Klose, alongside some fellow educators, developed the J.E.D.I. program modules to be used by their colleagues dur-

"They included topics that would be significant to students and allowed them to broaden their knowledge base allowing them to see other perspectives," said Mills. "Some of the topics included were race, bias, ethnicity, Indigenous culture, stereotypes, gender, discrimination, human rights, and identity. Our teachers facilitated these lessons through discussions, interactive activities, reflections, powerful and thought-provoking videos, and world events."

Some teachers, she said, made connections between what they were teaching, and the J.E.D.I. lessons.

"For example Ms. Andress - who was supporting the Grade 10 physics class - did some research into science, technology and race," said Mills. "She discovered that automatic sensors for soap or sanitizers don't all recognize coloured skin. This linked into discussion around why and who was creating the technology and doing the testing. If people with coloured skin were involved then perhaps this injustice could have been

When HHSS staff and students moved to online learning as a result of pandemic lockdowns in the province, challenges associated with the virtual setting made implementing the modules more difficult - engagement was lower than the staff had hoped, with about half of the students participating on a regular basis, but those who did participate offered positive feedback on the learning

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## J.E.D.I. program led to discussion around the dinner table

The 'ally T-shirt,'
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and opportunity.

The benefits of the program are essential.

"We hope to create a community of allies," said Mills. "Students who aren't afraid to stand up for others or themselves if they see injustices happening. Students who are knowledgeable about world issues and societal norms. Students who feel comfortable to be themselves because they have the support of others around them. Students who can leave our school and feel comfortable having conversations about global issues because they have the background knowledge. There are so many things we hope will come of our journey we have just started."

Feedback about the program was "overwhelmingly positive for the most part," said Mills, with families, teachers and students responding to a questionnaire noting the program helped students feel more comfortable having discussions and asking questions about "things we don't know about and should," appreciate "how we were all able to learn a lot and be more conscious about what is going on around us," and learn "about all of the different parts of our identity and what makes us who we are." Parents said the program created discussion around the dinner table that provoked deeper thinking, and that the students were better able to understand themselves and "what they need and want to feel a sense of belonging and connection to others."

Not all of the feedback was positive, said Mills, and that was important to hear, too. Some parents asked questions about the program and why it was being offered, though Mills said once it was explained further the families were "receptive and appreciative."

"Some people mentioned that this type of knowledge was not needed because we live in a small town, especially for the students who are not leaving," said Mills. "Our response is such that students from every ability level, career path, and background can benefit from knowing more about the world around us including inclusion and equity topics. Even though our 'small town' might look homogeneous it is not. Just because people can't 'see' differences all around them doesn't mean they aren't there. People come from all different backgrounds, economic status, identities, gender, race, religions, Indigenous cultures, and so much more. If we don't learn about differences and become knowledgeable, global citizens then we could perpetuate stereotypes, bias and discrimination without realizing it. The more knowledge you can take in, the more informed your decisions and views can be. If topics make you uncomfortable, then let's be OK with discomfort and decide that maybe we need to learn more about it so that it doesn't make us uncomfortable."

Mills said some feedback suggested the learning was "political," and that students could do their own research on it if they wanted to know more. She said the program was about knowing more, and that rather than forcing opinions, educators were helping to increase awareness.

"I keep coming back to the quote from Maya Angelou 'Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.' Our job as educators is to push everyone's thinking, so that's what we do. Provide opportunities for students to learn, and they can do with that knowledge however they decide."

"Many of our students, families and staff recognize the importance of this learning journey," she said. "However we won't ignore any of the criticism or negativity that came about - it tells us that we have more work to do and a long way to go. We will use the momentum that these J.E.D.I. modules created to continue to educate, adapt and make our school a more positive inclusive place for everyone."

Students who participated in the program can receive an 'ally T-shirt,' designed by Jocelyn Chumbley and April Kovacs with help from students enrolled in art courses. The logo for the certificate of completion that students receive was designed by student Colleen Petric.

"We were pleased with the outcome so far, however we know that we still have lots of work to do," said Mills. "This is just the start of our journey. We are grateful for the teachers who facilitated and the students who participated online in this J.E.D.I. journey in this unprecedented time."

Feedback from students and staff on how the program might be improved will be considered and acted on.

"This will help us move forward and develop more opportunities for students, staff and our communities to become more aware, knowledgeable and stronger allies," said Mills.

## TLDSB shares plans for new school year

Times Staff

More than 16,000 students were re-registered for school in September by a June 1 deadline, despite few details being known about what school will look like in the 2021-2022

TLDSB director Wes Hahn said that was a "great turnout" during a recent board of trustees meeting of Trillium Lakelands District School Board, held virtually on June 8.

Of those students, approximately 15,600 are registered for in-person (or "brick and mortar") school, which Hahn said "is really great for us," while almost 700 in total elementary and secondary students are registered for at-home online learning compared to almost 2,500 last year.

"So, obviously we've had quite a shift moving back in, and there's still a number of families that have chosen to stay in learn-at-home, and we're providing that opportunity for sure," said Hahn.

#### Secondary school shifts to quadmester schedule

In secondary schools, there will be some changes compared to this year, though in-school class cohorts, and possibly mask wearing will be in place still.

Of students registered for secondary school, 293 have opted for online learning. Hahn said both online learners and brick and mortar learners in the secondary school system will learn based on the quadmester system, moving students from this year's octomester system – one subject a day – to the quadmester system – two subjects a day. Students will have two quadmesters per semester, with two semesters in the year.

"The reason we're moving toward this model after working with the schools and the principals and the teachers is, moving from our octomester to our quadmester there is quite a bit of similarity and flow into this - we wanted to create [as] minimal disruption as we could," said Hahn. "It was a model

that was recommended by the ministry, and we felt it was one we could certainly work with."

Hahn said it isn't the week on, week off model, but rather two subjects a day, morning and afternoon. As schedules and timetables are further developed, Hahn said this information would be shared with the public and families of students.

Later in the meeting, student trustee Ryder Lytle asked why a quadmester would be in place in the new year, rather than an octomester as has been in place this year, and what might have caused the change in scheduling.

Hahn said that in the previous September there was "really strong cohorting messaging from the ministry," that led the school board to opt for the octomester.

"We couldn't have, I believe, more than 50 to 100 contacts per day," said Hahn, noting that boards that did move into a quadmester in September had to conduct school by way of a one-week-on, and one-week-off schedule, "which we weren't really big fans of here."

From both a public health and ministry perspective, moving into the new school year, cohorting has been relaxed, said Hahn, and a quadmester was allowed in the new year.

#### At-home elementary students connected in new school year to local school

Hahn said there are 391 students registered for learn-athome. Prior to registration the school board told parents that students who did not register for learn-at-home by June 1 would not have the option later to do so. Parents were told that online school would look different from this year, but further details were not known prior to registration.

At the board meeting, Hahn said, "Again, when we talk about these learn-at-home numbers, I think it's important to remember that we have a number of months to go, before we actually return back in September, and we do know that things will look very, very different in August and September with the vaccine roll-out and number of cases that are reducing. So we do expect that there will be even more changes to come back into our system, but at this point in time there's



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— WES HAHN, TLDSB DIRECTOR



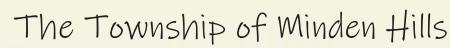
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In elementary school in the new year, he said in-person learning would look very similar during the 2021-2022 school year as it did during the past school year, with likely similar public health measures in place.

While the learn-at-home model would be similar, Hahn said, with a teacher and students in a synchronous, virtual environment, the difference would be that rather than using a separate learn-at-home school model as was done in this past year, the classes developed will instead be attached to the student's home school, and the principal of that school will support teachers, students, parents/guardians of the specific at-home classes despite the students living in various parts of the school board's district.

"I still have to say we have a number of weeks to go before we finalize all the details," said Hahn.

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## Hall of Fame inductee Linda Brandon humbled by honour

**by DARREN LUM** *Times Staff* 

The Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame named Linda J. Brandon among the 17 individuals to be included in the inaugural class of the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame.

Linda has been a very dedicated community volunteer in the Highlands for several years. She helped launch the Ontario Special Olympics Red Wolves youth 5-pin bowling team, a Special Olympics team for the Highlands in 1997.

In an email she said the saying 'expect the unexpected' was an understatement to characterize the recognition she has received. She said it was an "overwhelming honour" to be a part of this first class, which was announced on June 7.

"I am very grateful and humbled to be included, as an inductee under the category of 'Builder'," Brandon said. "Upon reflection, those same emotions held true when building our team, the Ontario Red Wolves 5-pin bowling team, a name the athletes chose in 1997," she wrote in an email. "Forming this team was one of the most significant milestones in my life and a milestone in the lives of everyone who contributed to the on-going development of such an inspiring team."

She was not only the founder, but served as a head coach and club manager and treasurer from 1997 to 2007. She was also the commu-



Linda Brandon, who founded the Haliburton County Special Olympics Red Wolves Youth Bowling team in 1997, was recently named as an inductee to the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame. Brandon will be inducted as one of three builders this year, which includes A.J. LaRue and Lenny Salvatori. Submitted by Linda Brandon.

everyone. In addition to the Red Wolves

work, she also served as the co-chairperson

of the Minden Terry Fox Run Organizing

Committee from 1994 to 2007; president,

vice-president, board/committee member

for the Haliburton County Association for

Community Living, which included advocat-

ing, governing and developing strategies that

best met the needs of the people supported

from 1994 to 2002; and a volunteer with the

Haliburton County Food for Kids Program.

She even completed her teaching English as

a Second Language Certification via Oxford Learning in 2004, completed her Bachelor of

Arts Degree at the University of Waterloo,

which included her taking courses during the

She enters the Hall of Fame as one of three

builders inducted this year, joining Albert

John LaRue, also known as A.J. LaRue, and

She adds in 1997 there wasn't an opportu-

"Their spirits were lifted to know they

nity to form a new high school sports team.

could still have a separate team of their own,

on their own time. The team name 'Red

Wolves' was chosen by the athletes," she

Integral to the building of the team are the

15 athletes, families, friends and other val-

ued supporters, including the "best 20-plus

She thanked the families of Robyn

Thomas, Linda Snoddon, Pauline Sharp,

Mary McKelvey, Brian Plouffe, Lyle Bacon,

Duane Pratt, Scott and Michelle Moore (for-

wrote about the Red Wolves beginnings.

school year and in the summer.

Lenny Salvatori.

coaches.'

mer owners of the bowling facility), Diana Reesor, John Kellett, Yvette Brauer, Barbara Piercy, and her two daughters, Amy and Emily. There were also many other high school volunteer students and staff who enthusiastically offered coaching assistance.

Yvette Brauer, who is the current Red Wolves team coordinator, said a lot of credit goes to Linda for how she made a positive impact in the lives of people like her son, Trevor, who benefited socially and physically being a Red Wolves active member.

The Brauers first moved here from Toronto in 2005. At first Trevor had no interest in joining the Red Wolves after his experience of attending a mainstream school where he was treated like everyone else.

However, there wasn't much to do here socially, so Trevor warmed to the idea and joined the bowling team. He soon discovered the warm atmosphere and inclusive quality created by Linda's leadership was the best place to make friends.

"That was a good introduction for Trevor to make new friends and still be fit. From that, Trevor got to go to provincial games for bowling ... he represented the Red Wolves for golf, he want to provincial games," she said. His experience also includes competing at the nationals held in P.E.I.

"What started with Linda has given opportunities for a number of athletes to travel provincially, nationally. And it all started with Linda and her vision to have Special Olympics come to the Highlands, so if she didn't do that we wouldn't be where we are today," she said.

In hindsight, it was an important decision for them in building a connection to the area built on the opportunity for social and physical growth.

Yvette said the Special Olympics organization is supportive, but money is not always available and so for programs to operate it took the support of its community and needed leadership of someone like Linda to facilitate the fundraisers and ensure the commitment of sponsors related to operating an athletic program on a shoestring budget to not just hold activities, but pay for uniforms, and to cover travel competitions.

Linda wrote in an email about the key fundraiser for the Red Wolves which was the Law Enforcement's Annual "Flame of Hope" Torch Run. It provided significant opportunities for important funds to be raised to not just help offset the program costs, but also to spread added awareness about Ontario Special Olympic athletes throughout the county.

Trevor isn't the only beneficiary with a story to share.

Parents Duane and Tracey Pratt are gratesee BRANDON page 19

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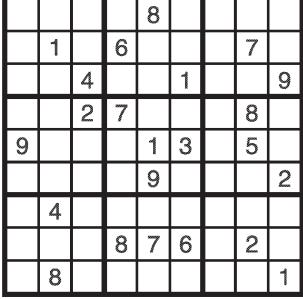
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#### Fun By The Numbers

nity coordinator for the County of Haliburton

from 1997 to 2007. While she was fulfilling

her Red Wolves duties, she was also work-

ing as an educational assistant at Haliburton

Highlands Secondary School. Many of

her efforts revolved around inclusion for

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Answers on page 21



## 'I absolutely love being with the children'

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ly love being with the children. To relive through their discoveries whether watching a spider on a ledge or jumping in a puddle is priceless.'

It has not, however, been a job without challenges.

"My biggest challenge has been without fail the Ministry of Education," he said. "Demands, new regulations - effective or not - that are required to be implemented into child care programs almost always without support or guidance. Quite often program advisors (inspectors) had very little on-the-floor experience. Once, I had a parole officer conduct an annual inspection. I had difficulty accepting advice from pencil pushers and administrators with minimal hands-on experience."

Currently working at Wee Care in Haliburton, giving notice on a career he has been passionate about for so long is not an easy change for Hoenow, but one he thinks is best for him at this time.

"I think I need to make the change because progression in child care still seems stagnant," he said. "Ministries and daycare operators continue to make demands of staff without providing the necessary support and direction. More and more is demanded of frontline ECE's and assistants. Yet, they are expected to attain these goals while at the same time making a salary comparative to a parking lot attendant in Toronto."

He said he "truly wanted to stay in the

field until I retire a few years from now."

"Looking back, working with children has been my calling," he said. "I know, 100 per cent, that I can walk into any daycare in the country tomorrow and begin to develop a relationship with the children by lunchtime. But the time has come."

During the province's initial lockdown when daycares were closed, Hoenow said he had a taste of retirement at that time and appreciated his interest in fixing things and "puttering around the house." He has found work at a local resort close to home allowing him to pursue that interest.

"I will so miss the children," he said. "Now, as I count down my last few weeks my heart strings tug as I get ready to say goodbye to my beautiful little friends."



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**COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE PLMV2021033

THIS APPLICATION WILL BE HEARD AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING BY WAY OF A VIRTUAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Meeting on:

Monday, June 28, 2021 DATE:

TIME: 10:30 AM

LOCATION: Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing

COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way

of a virtual meeting. To participate:

Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588Enter Meeting ID 918 8565 4114 and Passcode: 869870

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Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at: https:// youtu.be/L4Hh2bUDqFk Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by Sunday June 27th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 10:00 AM. Participants registering after 10:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing. Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider a proposed Minor Variance (Application No. PLMV2021033) to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act.

Location of the Subject Lands: Part Lots 29 and 30, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1056 Bingo Lane; and located on the Gull River (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new septic system on an existing undersized lot. The variance sought would allow for a water yard setback of 19.3 metres (63.4 feet) to the septic tank and septic bed whereas 30 metres (100 feet) is

Additional information regarding this application is available online at www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. A copy of the complete application will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

Input on the above noted application is welcome and encouraged. You can provide your input, either in support or opposition to the proposed minor variance. by making a written submission to the Township or by speaking at the Public Hearing. If you do not attend the

Public Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

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Any person or agency who is of the opinion that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause them significant prejudice, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing. If a person or agency does not make a submission to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the electronic hearing, and the person or agency does not participate in the hearing in accordance with this Notice, then the Committee may proceed without the party's participation and the party will not be entitled to any further notice

If you are interested in participating in the hearing you are strongly encouraged to contact the undersigned prior to the meeting date with any questions you may have and/or to provide any material for the Committee's consideration

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## **Brandon created Haliburton Red Wolves**

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ful to Linda for the opportunity that enabled their daughter, Skylar to expand her world.

"By creating the Haliburton Red Wolves, Linda provided a place for our daughter where she felt comfortable and accepted around her peers; not something that comes easily to Sky, [who has] autism. Skylar has thrived in this environment, which has awarded her opportunities she would not have had otherwse," they wrote in a letter of support submitted to the Hall of Fame.

Skylar started with the Wolves at the age of 13 back in 2005. She looked forward every week to bowling, seeing her friends and her coach, Linda. Her time with the bowling team included the "once in a lifetime experience" of getting to represent the area with her team at the provincials in 2016, where they qualified to compete at the nationals held in P.E.I. in 2018. She continues to be an active member participating in not just bowling, but also curling, softball, golf and shuffleboard.

From the letter, the parents wrote the team has not only given her "a source of physical activity and sportsmanship, but also a place where she has made very good friends. Our family can't thank Linda enough for starting our chapter of Special Olympics. It has enriched our daughter's life more than we can express. We were very happy to learn of her nomination and can't imagine anyone more worthy than she for this honour."

Not to take away from Brandon's efforts, but the team was also sustained by the support of its volunteers, who were often parents, or guardians, including community helpers that received training to coach, assist and fundraise, she said.

"Other than that, the whole thing, where we are today it all started with Linda. We wouldn't be where we are today if it didn't start with Linda," she said.

Although Linda left the Red Wolves to return to attend school in 2007, she remained in touch with the athletes, Yvette said.

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Wolves team's foundation in 1997," she wrote. "For that, I am incredibly grateful to have played a part in this significant sport heritage experience! The biggest 'thank you' to everyone who has served on the Haliburton Sports Hall of Fame committees including all those who in any way contributed to my induction."

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This collaboration represents the largest number of individual organizations joining together on Epic in Ontario and will transform the way health care is delivered for generations to come.

"For the first time in central east Ontario, patients and their entire care team will have real-time access to each patient's health information in one place," said Carolyn Plummer, HHHS president and CEO. "The CIS will dramatically improve the ways patients and health professionals communicate with each other, supporting them to make the best possible decisions about each individual's treatment and care."

As hospitals across Ontario have faced the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic together over the last 16 months, our partner hospitals have gained an even greater understanding of the importance of having a shared CIS in place to support the best possible care for our 1.5 million patients across the region.

The seven partner hospital organizations participating in this major health care initiative are: Campbellford Memorial Hospital, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Lakeridge Health, Northumberland Hills Hospital, Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Ross Memorial Hospital and Scarborough Health Network.

"This unprecedented partnership will substantially improve the patient experience by supporting patients throughout their transitions between organizations and services," said Plummer. "This is of tremendous value for a small rural health care provider such as HHHS with so many patients

receiving care provided by our regional partners. For physicians and other clinicians, the entire care process will be more seamless, from patient referrals to placing orders to medication management."

The new regional CIS means:

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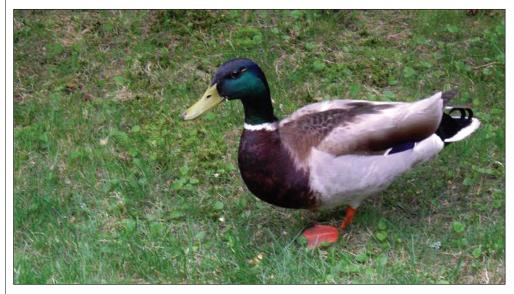
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## Vaccinations for staff, students older than 12

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Hahn said there are "a number of positives on the COVID front," as reported in the news.

'We know that vaccines are rolling [out] quite quickly, and that there is an expectation that much of the population will be moving into their second vaccination if they choose to do

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that, including our teaching staff and now with the roll-out of our student population, 12 to 17-year-olds – we're going to have many of our staff and students vaccinated returning back in September," he said. "That is having a dramatic impact and it's going to continue having an impact as we move across the summer.'

Hahn said September will look different, with a number of families returning to brick and mortar learning, and said he thinks "things will start to open up."

"How open will it be? I know the question will be, will we ever get back in the next following year into some kind of normal semester-kind of environment in secondary? There certainly is a potential for things to start to work back into normal, but we will have to see how the fall unveils itself and see where we are with cases in the province, but [it's] looking

The school board has received both federal and provincial funding to enhance health and safety features in buildings, including ventilation upgrades. Hahn said upgrades regarding filters in ventilation systems and a trial project with duct sealing in a number of schools – which has increased air flow and decreased electrical and heating costs – are in place.

"There are lots of things we're doing with that funding, and that team is working in behind-the-scenes to make sure they roll out."

Hahn said they have looked at certain HVAC systems within the board, and upgrades have happened in those that required the upgrades.

"So again, we know that's an important factor to the health and safety of our staff and students and we'll continue with that as we move forward into September, and onward."

#### Graduation celebrations will remain virtual

On June 2 when Premier Doug Ford announced that in-person learning at schools would not be resuming, after schools were closed in April during the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Ontario, he also encouraged schools to hold inperson graduation ceremonies outdoors for all grades, giving students an opportunity to see each other prior to the end of

TLDSB schools had already been planning for weeks, and months even, said Hahn, to organize graduation ceremonies following public health guidelines and would be moving forward with virtual ceremonies.

"We know that announcement came late, from the government, and as that was happening, we were consulting with public health along the way, and received the recommendation that due to the public health protocols at the time, should remain in virtual environments and not move forward with in-person because it would not be safe to do so," said Hahn.

He said that he recognizes that might be disappointing for families and staff. Schools will be communicating with parents about how students can pick up their items from school at the end of the year, at which point there will be an opportunity to say goodbye to staff and possibly greet friends.



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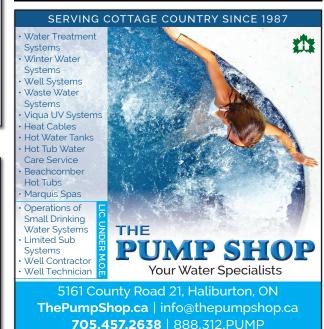
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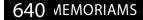


Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents will be hosting its

**Annual General Meeting** June 22, 2021 at 6:00pm.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Dawn Milburn for further details.

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#### Wanda Carter

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **Scott, Gwenneth**

Passed away with her family by her side on Saturday, June 12th, 2021 at the age of 85.

Loving wife of the late Arthur Scott (1989), predeceased by her daughter Lee Ann (2014) and her daughter-in-law Karen Scott (2019).

Much loved mother of Rick Scott (Peg) of Whitby, Mike Scott and his wife Michelle and Ken Scott and his wife Joni all of Oshawa. Cherished Grandmother of Krystal, Nicole, Shauna, Renee, Tyler, Stephen and Jenni. Great Grandmother of 10.

Fondly remembered by her sister-in-law Irene Scott as well as nieces Cheryl and Sandra.

The Family would like to express their heartfelt thank you to nurse Laverne, PSW's Jessica and Arlene as well as the entire LHN Palliative team.

Visitation will be held at Barnes Memorial Funeral Home 5295 Thickson Rd. N. Whitby, on Thursday June 17 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. All quests who wish to attend the public visitation are required to use our RSVP system on Barnes Memorial Funeral Home's website to reserve a time of arrival. Anyone who requires any assistance with our RSVP system, please contact our office by phone 905-655-3662 from 9:00 a.m. − 4:00 p.m.

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# The Times



Monday, May 26, 1997

## **Voters** hear from the candidates

by Andrew Milne

The economy, the constitution, gun control.

All the usual suspects were in evidence for last week's allcandidates' meeting, Wednesday evening at the Minden Community Centre.

Present were Lorne Chester (PC), Rick Denyer (NDP), Pat Dunn (Reform), Charles Olito (Canadian Action Party), and incumbent John O'Reilly (Lib-

There were few standout moments in the evening, with all candidates making reasonably strong presentations. Political neophytes Denyer and Dunn were surprisingly confident before the crowd -Denyer keeping to brief, but passionately delivered platform statements emphasizing his party's stand on social programs, Dunn making spirited, even polished attacks on both Liberal and PC candidates' positions on gun control and the Quebec question.

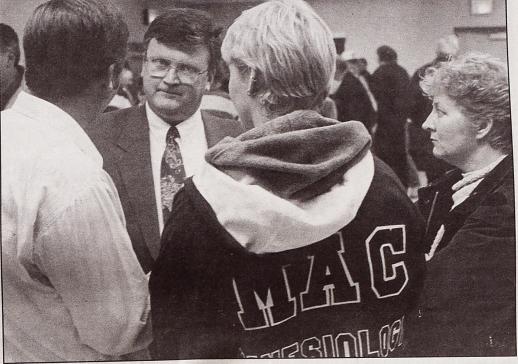
The crowd itself, however, may well have been the star player of the evening - very nearly a full hall showed, and frequently drove the discussion, with often pointed, often creative questions that appeared to keep the candidates

frequently found themselves answering for past policy statements, their voting records, their parties' various approaches to national unity, and fielding suggestions for innovation in government some of them clearly hadn't considered before. Some of those in attendance, furthermore, weren't taking anything that sounded remotely evasive for an answer.

Overall, the political dynamics of the local meeting roughly mirrored the national parties' platforms and perparties' platforms and per-ceived strengths. O'Reilly con-centrated, in concert with his campaign to date, on portraying his and his government's record through the past term as that of competent and sensible administration.

"Paul Martin brought in the first actual cuts to a federal budget since World War II, and as of 1998, we won't be borrowing new money any more... When the Liberals came into office, Canada was at the bottom of the G7 countries as a place to live. Now, we're second from the top," O'Reilly told the crowd.

Chester attacked the incumbent government on continued lagging employment figures, and O'Reilly specifically on his perceived weak spot — gun



Following the formal portion of the all-candidates meeting Wednesday evening election hopefuls waded into rthe audience to answer questions, press the flesh and deal with issues that didn't get a full airing. Reform candidate Pat Dunn is seen here talking with spectators.

control. The incumbent is now easily infamous in the gun community for having promised to vote against his government on bill C-68, and then failing to show for the vote.

Said Chester, "This election is about integrity. This election is about credibility. This election is about broken Liberal promises... When I talk to the youth of today. I don't see dreams... Where are the jobs?"

Chester also found a few words for Reform's national policies — alluding to Reform leader Preston Manning's politics as a western separatist, and suggesting the Reform leader has become "more interested in becoming the president of tawa as a conscience for the

Western Canada" than in preserving national unity.

Dunn's attack on O'Reilly's position roughly mirrored Chester's — "Mr O'Reilly," he said, "misled us. It's a question of integrity. If you can't keep your word, don't give it" with equivalent fire back in the Conservatives' direction on the subject of national unity, and suggestions to the effect that the Conservatives have gone too far toward appeasing separatist forces' demands.

NDP candidate Denyer talked the party line through most of the evening, with the signature NDP line in this election — "Send the NDP to OtLiberals" - frequently repeated.

"The Liberals are listening to Preston Manning," said Denyer. "The Liberals are listening to Jean Charest. My opponents are still blaming our social programs for the national debt. They don't seem to want to talk about the real reason: high interest rates... They all talk a good line on job creation here, but in parliament, over the past term, they were pressing the Liberals not for job creation, but for more cuts to our social programs. The NDP asked about jobs."

CAP candidate Olito's delivery carried his party's mes-

#### Don't forget the Canadian Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic tomorrow, Tuesday, May 27 at the Legion Hall in Haliburton 1:30 - 7 p.m.

Blood is urgently needed in hospitals in Ontario and organizers have set a target of 240 donations. All blood types are needed, especially group O.

Healthy individuals between the ages of 17 and 70 are urged to attend. Donors are reminded to bring valid identification.

This is the first of two clinics which will be held in the county this year. The second is scheduled for July 22. It is hoped that by holding two clinics this summer the crowding and lengthy lines which occurred at the single clinic last year will be avoided.

## Residents will meet with TSW chief engineer

Gull riverside residents upset with the water that has been lapping at their doorsteps will get a chance to speak to the man in charge.

Trent-Severn waterway chief engineer Bruce Kitchen will be present at a meeting Wednesday, May 28 in the committee room at the municipal

Kitchen was invited by the residents, who have been coping with abnormally high water levels. The Gull River overflowed its banks earlier this month flooding roads on both sides of the waterway - North Water and Anson streets -

resulting in the closure of North Water for a few days. Basement sump pumps went into overtime, and yards along Anson street were submerged for days, forcing some residents to wear waders merely to leave the house.

Kitchen told The Times last week the high water levels were due to the odd weather conditions - particularly a surge in rainfall before the snowmelt was over

"Near the end of April," said Kitchen, "and into May it turned very wet, and the last of the

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